

NEWS AND GOSSIP OF SOCIAL ACTIVITY IN NATION'S CAPITAL

What the Hostesses of Washington Are Doing in Social Whirl.

MANY DINNERS ARE GIVEN

Entertainments, Quiet and Elaborate, Attended by Elite of the City.

The Belgian Minister and Madame Havenith have taken a furnished house at 1912 Sixteenth street for a few weeks until the country place near Laurel, Md., which they have purchased and are remodeling, is ready for occupancy.

Madame Havenith's mother, Mrs. Charles M. Foulke, who spent the winter at Nassau, will occupy her residence in Massachusetts avenue, where the Belgian legation has been established for a year or two, for the spring months. Mrs. Foulke's daughter, Mrs. G. Foulke Smith, with her small children, will reach town this evening to be with her mother.

Holcombe Back.

Lieut. and Mrs. William Henry Holcombe, who returned to Washington last week from their wedding trip and spent a day or two with Mrs. Holcombe's mother, Mrs. Edwards Cranston Brooks, at her residence in Nineteenth street, have taken possession of their quarters at Washington barracks.

Mrs. Arthur Broden, who came to Washington last week to be the guest for a few days of Miss May Adams and Mrs. D. Buchanan Merryman, has returned to Baltimore. Miss Adams entertained informally at dinner for Mrs. Broden on Thursday evening, and on Friday Mrs. Louis Lehr had guests at luncheon to meet her.

Mrs. Russell Harrison and her mother, Mrs. Saunders, are making a short visit in Norfolk as the guests of Mrs. Harrison's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Williams, Jr. Mrs. Saunders will return to her home in Omaha about April 15, after spending the winter with her daughter. Mrs. Williams will come to Washington for the marriage of Miss Hanna Willard Taylor and Charles Clay Bayly on May 8, and will be the guest of her mother.

The Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Carl Vrooman will give a dinner this evening in compliment to Miss Lucy Burleson. One of their guests will be their cousin, Fairman Furness, of Philadelphia. Another interesting dinner will be given this evening by Judge Martin Knapp at Stoneleigh Court in compliment to the Messrs. Lansing, sisters of the Secretary of State.

Address on Far East.

The members of the Congressional Club will have the opportunity this evening to hear Congressman Fred Britten make an address on the Far East. The talk will begin at 8 o'clock and will be illustrated by many interesting stereoscopic views. Dancing will follow the lecture.

Miss Elizabeth Britten, who has been the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Congressman and Mrs. Fred Britten, at the Highlands for six weeks, will leave Washington Wednesday. She will visit in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles before returning to her home in San Francisco. Miss Britten has been much feted during her stay in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick D. McKenny were hosts at dinner last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hamilton will entertain at dinner at the Chevy Chase Club on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Donald McLean, who is visiting Rear Admiral and Mrs. Walter McLean in Norfolk is very ill.

To Entertain at Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pike will entertain at bridge Wednesday evening.

Miss Ann Elliott, of Philadelphia, will come to Washington next week to visit Miss Dorothy Mason.

Mrs. William Stephen Stamper has sent out cards for a reception April 10, from 5 to 7 o'clock, at the street, Mrs. Haut and Miss Haut at her residence, "The Cedars," Drummond, Md.

Baroness von Esteler is at the Shoreham Hotel.

Miss Betty Bird, of St. Paul, is visiting Mrs. John R. Merriam.

Miss Celestine Eustis entertained at a reception yesterday at Villa Montepo, in Aiken, S. C. Miss Eustis will return to Washington at the end of the month.

Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, who is in Washington will return to Newport for Easter.

Benefit Rummage Sale.

A rummage sale for the benefit of the Washington Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital will be held at 3235 Eleventh street Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The committee in charge is composed of Mrs. Martin L. Bundy, chairman; Mrs. Chester Smith, Mrs. Oscar Wilkinson, Mrs. W. T. Pollard, Mrs. E. W. Hargrey, Mrs. Little L. Thriving, Mrs. H. C. Swan, Mrs. George Thorn, and Mrs. E. K. Braselton. Articles may be sent at any time before the sale to 1031 Lamont street, 1408 L street, and 2027 Eleventh street.

Outing to the illness of his son, Frederick F. Schroeder, of New York, is in town for a few days. He is stopping at the Willard.

Mrs. P. Casanave Willson and Miss Willson will be at home informally tomorrow afternoon at their residence in (Continued on Twelfth Page.)

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MISS PANSIE C. WILLSON (seated), and MISS MARGUERITE TERRETT, of St. Paul.

SERIES OF BENEFITS AT OCTAGON HOUSE

Tea-Dances to Be Held Daily, Beginning May 6, Through Week of Horse Show.

Commencing May 6 and continuing throughout horse show week, there will be tea and dancing in the garden of historic Octagon House, at Eighteenth street and New York avenue, from 4:30 to 7 o'clock each afternoon. In the evenings from 9 o'clock to midnight there will be vaudeville and dancing. Supper will also be served. The proceeds are to form a fund to be used for the British wounded.

Among the prominent Washington society women who are organizing this benefit are Mrs. William Corcoran, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Mrs. George Howard, Mrs. Paul Bartlett, and Miss Ernst. Not only will Octagon House's lovely garden be arranged for tea and dancing, with vaudeville in the evening, but there will be decorative booths, in charge of leaders of Washington's younger set, each representing one of the British colonies or possessions, where characteristic articles will be sold.

Arthur B. Pugh and the Misses Pugh have canceled all social engagements because of the death of Mr. Pugh's mother last Thursday at Capon Bridge, W. Va.

MRS. LUKESH GIVES BRIDGE-TEA PARTY

Mrs. Gustav J. Fieberger, Who Is Visiting Her Mother Here, Is Guest of Honor.

Mrs. Gustave R. Lukesh, wife of Major Lukesh, U. S. A., is entertaining at bridge this afternoon in compliment to Mrs. Fieberger, wife of Col. Gustav J. Fieberger, U. S. A., who is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ford, at her residence in Sixteenth street.

The other guests are Mrs. George P. Howell, Mrs. Dwight E. Aultman, Mrs. William D. Connor, Mrs. John N. Hodges, Mrs. James G. B. Lampert, Mrs. Charles F. Williams, Mrs. Will Point, Mrs. William Henry Holcombe, Mrs. Douglas L. Weart, Mrs. John J. Kingman, and Mrs. Charles G. Mortimer. Additional guests have been invited for tea which will follow. At the table will be Mrs. Virgil L. Peterson, Mrs. Carroll Buck, and Mrs. Leo J. Dillon.

Major and Mrs. Lukesh will give a dinner Friday night, and will take their guests later to the informal hop given by the officers at the Washington barracks. Mrs. T. Q. Donelson, wife of Major Donelson, U. S. A., who was a guest of Col. and Mrs. Clement A. F. Flagler, has left Washington. She went to Philadelphia to join her daughter, Miss May Sue Donelson, who will undergo an operation today.

Treatment of Roads Subject of Lecture

A lecture on the "Comparative Treatment of the Roads of New Hampshire

and the United States," by L. E. Boykin, of the Department of Agriculture, will be a feature of the meeting of the New Hampshire Association of the District at the W. C. T. U. parlors, 422 Sixth street northwest, this evening.

Northeast Citizens Will Discuss Civic Problems

Consolidation of the street railways of the District, the Washington Asylum

Hospital question, and better pay for the street laborers of the District will be the principal matters taken under discussion at the meeting of the Northeast Citizens' Association this evening at Northeast Temple.

No. 2

Armor Manufacture—Private or by Government—A Question of Price

To the Members of Congress:

The sole question involved in the scheme to spend \$11,000,000 to build a Government armor factory—and supplant the three existing private plants—is whether by such method the people will save money.

Rear-Admiral Strauss, Chief of the Naval Bureau of Ordnance, said, at a hearing before the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs on January 25:

"If the private firms will furnish armor at a fair profit and will continue to do so under all conditions, I see no especial advantage to the Government in going into the business."

There are several reasons why a Government plant would realize no advantage in price, namely:

First The United States is to-day paying \$425 a ton for armor, an amount substantially lower than is paid by Japan, Austria, Germany, England, or France.

England buys its armor from five privately owned plants, and is now paying \$625 a ton. Germany has two privately owned plants, and is paying \$600 a ton. Japan is the only country with a government plant, and yet armor costs her \$490 a ton.

The specifications in the United States are much more rigid and the wages paid are very much higher than those prevailing in any foreign country.

Second We now offer to make armor plate for the United States Government at \$395 a ton—a reduction of \$30 a ton, in spite of the fact that steel prices are continually going up, and are to-day much higher than for many years.

The proposed price is less than has been paid for armor by the United States in ten years, and we agree to accept this lower price for the next five years.

Since the War began we have been able to get in Europe almost any price we chose to ask for our armor. We have during that period made no addition whatever to the selling price to the United States Government of any of the armor products which we manufacture.

Third If the foregoing price is not satisfactory, we will agree to permit any well-known firm of chartered public accountants or the Federal Trade Commission to inventory our plant and make careful estimates of the cost of manufacture; with that data in hand we will meet with the Secretary of the Navy and guarantee to manufacture armor at a price which will be itself quite as low as the lowest price at which the Government could possibly make it, taking into account all proper charges.

We make the foregoing proposition, rather than have our plant rendered useless.

We have invested over \$7,000,000 in that plant, as inventoried to-day, not taking into account large sums—certainly \$2,000,000—expended for plant and equipment abandoned because of becoming obsolete.

Our armor plant is useless for any other purpose. The United States is our only customer and if that customer is lost the plant becomes valueless.

Our offer in effect is to make armor for the United States at a price the Government itself shall name as fair.

CHAS. M. SCHWAB, Chairman
EUGENE G. GRACE, President

Bethlehem Steel Company

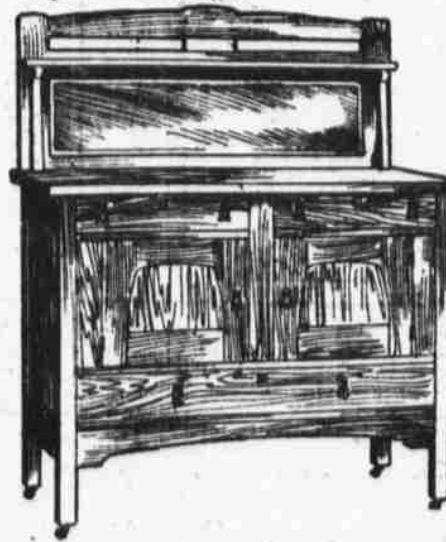
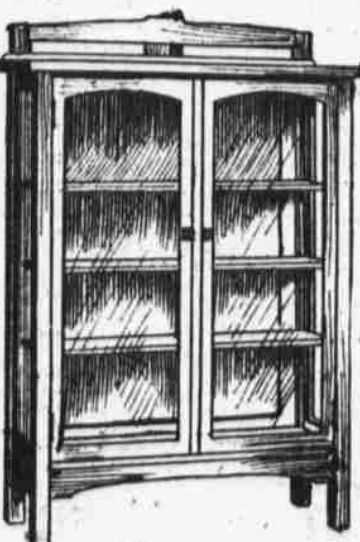
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In Normandy Gray Finish and Particularly Desirable for Summer Use.

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Buffet, \$30.00.
China Cabinet, \$22.50.
Dining Table, \$21.50.
Side Table, \$12.00.
Armchair, \$6.50.
Side Chairs, \$3.50 each.
Complete Suite of 10 pieces, \$110.00.



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